

Pleurons avec ceux dont le cœur blessé saigne,
Et qui restent dans cette nuit d'exil et dans cette nuit de deuil.

His Excellency, in welcoming us, rejoices with all of us over the prosperity which the country enjoys. As a matter of fact, the harvest with which God has blessed Canada this year is more than abundant. Everywhere prosperity has returned, and, in proof of what I say, permit me to quote to you some figures:

Deposits 1909. On demand. After notice. Loans.			
30 April..	207	450	524
13 May..	216 x 9	453 x 3	528 x 4
30 June..	226 x 10	455 x 2	531 x 7
31 July..	222 x 4	466 x 11	539 x 4
31 August..	228 x 6	472 x 6	534 x 4
30 Sept..	239 x 11	474 x 2	560 x 17

Imports and Exports.

6 months, April to Sept. 1908..	\$261,247,007
6 " " " 1909..	314,472,104

Being an increase of.. 12,482,756

Butter.

6 months April to Sept. 1908..	\$1,090,053
6 " " " 1909..	654,571

A decrease for 1909 of.. \$ 435,482

Cheese.

6 months April to Sept. 1908..	\$ 12,035,067
6 " " " 1909..	12,990,488

An increase over 1908 of.. 955,421

Wheat Harvests.

Fall wheat..	149,285,000
Spring wheat..	19,101,000

Total.. 168,386,000
Being a decrease in wheat of.. 16,700,000

Land under cultivation.

7,750,400 acres, being an important increase over the year 1908. Deducting 40,600,000 bushels of wheat for home consumption, being 5.80 bushels per head for an estimated population of 7,000,000, and deducting 12,658,988 bushels for seeding 7,750,000 acres, or 98 pounds to the acre, we arrived at a total of 53,258,988 bushels, leaving the magnificent surplus of 115,128,000 bushels for market—a handsome sum for our country.

Oats.

354,419,000 bushels being 38.15 bushels to the acre.

Potatoes.

99,087,000 bushels, showing an increase of 22,697,000 over the crop of last year.

The hay crop yielded 11,877,000 tons, being an increase of 427,000 tons over the yield of 1908. That crop is valued at \$132,287,000, being \$10,403,000 more than in 1908. The total value of potatoes, turnips, farm fodder, green corn and hay is estimated at \$202,473,700.

With regard to Railways.

I shall simply refer to the principal roads. For the week ending the 7th of November, the receipts of the C.P.R. were \$2,113,000, being an increase of \$425,000 over the corresponding period of last year. The figures are:

1909 first week in Nov..	\$2,113,000
1908 " " " " " "	1,688,000

Increase.. \$ 425,000

The number of post offices shows an increase of 656 over the preceding year, and the sale of postage stamps shows as well an increase of \$530,000. The number of one cent stamps sold was 51,326,000.

His Excellency announces that, guided by the resolution adopted unanimously by the House of Commons on the 29th of March last, two members of the government passed all last season in England to discuss with the imperial authorities the creation of a Canadian navy. Is it not true that in creating a national navy Canada takes at one step a more influential position in the empire, and, instead of lowering herself, does she not raise herself in her own estimation, and in the estimation of other nations? Last year Canada celebrated by magnificent fetes in the old city of Quebec the tercentenary anniversary of its foundation. We invited there England, France and our neighbors the United States. England and France sent magnificent warships. The United States, not to be behind these friendly nations, sent their newest and most powerful of their warships. Canada marvelled at the magnificent spectacle presented by that unrivalled fleet, in the great port of Quebec; but we must acknowledge with regret that Canada was nowhere represented in the fleet. This year the United States celebrated the tercentenary anniversary of the discovery of the great river which flows into the port of New York, and which bears the name of the man who discovered it. The United States invited to that festival all the nations of the world. France, England, Germany, Russia, Japan, and they were all represented there by some of their war vessels. Little countries with considerably less population than ours, such as Holland and Belgium, contributed to the display, and we saw their flags floating in the breezes of a free country, the United States. Again no nation failed to respond to the invitation except Canada. We sent no representative to that family festival,